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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to learn of the death of James L. Althoff Sr. of McHenry, who passed away on November 8, 2011; and

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WHEREAS, James Althoff Sr. was born on June 9, 1928, in McHenry; he graduated from McHenry Community High School in 1946; he married Joan Andreen on June 18, 1949, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in McHenry; and

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WHEREAS, James Althoff Sr. founded Althoff Industries (then Althoff Heating and Air) in 1962; the company, which only had 2 employees at its founding, grew into a business with about 150 employees today; under his guidance, the company became one of the largest mechanical contractors in the State; and

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WHEREAS, James Althoff Sr. was a tireless community volunteer who served on the boards of many organizations; he was a member of the McHenry High School District 156 school board from 1967 to 1979 and the Illinois Board of Governors of Higher Education from 1980 to 1991; he was a volunteer fireman and then later served as the president of the McHenry Fire Protection District for more than 20 years; he was also a trustee of the Local 130 Plumbers Union, a board member of Home

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1 State Bank in Crystal Lake, and a former president of McHenry
2 Country Club; and

3 WHEREAS, James Althoff Sr. was preceded in death by his
4 son, Timothy, and his sisters, Betty Phelan and Ethel Conway
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6 WHEREAS, James Althoff Sr. is survived by his wife, Joan;
7 his children, Betsy (Tom) Les, Tod (Kim) Althoff, Catherine
8 Althoff (Joel Galanty), Patricia (John) Siwicki, James, and
9 Karyn (David) Roelke; his daughter-in-law, Illinois State
10 Senator Pamela Althoff; his 13 grandchildren; his
11 great-granddaughter; and his sister, Eleanor Wiater;
12 therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL
14 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with
15 his family and friends, the passing of James L. Althoff Sr.;
16 and be it further

17 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
18 presented to the family of James Althoff Sr. as an expression
19 of our sympathy.